



MOMENT BY MOMENT

Daniel W. Whittle

Never a trial that He is not there;
Never a burden that He doth not bear;
Never a sorrow that He doth not share.
Moment by moment I'm under His care.

Never a heartache and never a groan;
Never a teardrop and never a moan;
Never a danger but there, on the throne,
Moment by moment He thinks of His
own.

Never a weakness that He doth not feel;
Never a sickness that He cannot heal.
Moment by moment, in woe or in weal,
Jesus, my Savior, abides with me still.

—In Poems with Power.

THE GROUND OF

"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."—Jesus (Matt. 28:20b).

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Notice

This is to certify that Frank E. Siple, who has been reported in the newspapers as pastor of the Southlawn Church of God, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and as having confessed to the mercy slaying of his daughter, has never been connected with the Church of God, headquarters at Cleveland, Tennessee.—John C. Jernigan, General Overseer.

DEATHS

THURMAN

Albert Thurman, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Thurman, was born January 12, 1911, and passed away to be with Jesus November 13, 1945, after a lingering illness. He had the Holy Ghost and was a member of the West Knoxville, Tenn., Church of God.—Mrs. Lucille Houston, Star Rt., Spring City, Tenn.

CARVER

Sister Bessie Elizabeth Carver, a faithful and true member of the Church of God, departed this life December 22, 1945; age fifty-two years. Her death is a great loss to the church here.—Rev. J. H. Mauldin, Star Rt., Seneca, S. C.

RYBURN

Our dear sister, Geneva Ryburn, a faithful member of the Church of God at New Summit, Ark., went to be with Jesus January 11, 1946; age sixty-six years.

May God bless the bereaved.—Her pastor, A. R. Willingham.

LAKEY

Cephus T. Lakey, a very devoted member of the Church of God at Lannius, Tex., went to be with Jesus January 13, 1946; age eighty years, one month, and nine days.—Pastor, J. W. Hume.

BRADY

On December 23, 1945, the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Joe Brady, and took out of it the infant son of these loyal ones. Please remember them in your prayers.—Their pastor, J. B. Merritt, Kite, Ga.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

The healing of a lady of high blood pressure, she had a light stroke.—Mrs. Julia Ingham Jones, Rt. 1, Box 37-B, Lithia, Fla.

The Lord to heal my body, I am badly afflicted and not able to work.—Mrs. Lloyd White, Rt. 1, Box 130, Magee, Miss.

The healing of my body of sugar diabetes and bronchitis; God to undertake in a case.—Mrs. Anna White, 454 Beachwood Ave., Anderson, S. C.

God to heal my mother, Mrs. Fannie Simpkins, she is very ill.—Mrs. J. C. Varney, Matewan, W. Va.

The healing of my body, I am bothered with heart trouble and rheumatism, and on October 25 I had a partial paralysis stroke.—Rev. James O. Edgeworth, Quinton, Ala.

The healing of my wife's back.—Jessie Sturdivant, Rt. 1, Box 229, Middleboro, Ky.

The Lord to heal me of appendicitis; my little daughter to be healed of a bad stomach trouble and nervousness; the healing of my other children.—Mrs. Ethel Heefner, c/o W. J. Passmore, Speedwell, N. C.

The Lord to heal my body, I must have had a light stroke.—Mollie L. Wilson, 306 Sanson St., Stamford, Tex.

My husband's healing.—Mrs. Claude Richardson, Ramhurst, Ga.

The Lord to heal me of a serious affliction.—Mrs. J. N. Azlin, 1565 Robert E. Lee St., Mobile 19, Ala.

The complete healing of my body.—Mrs. Rather Holland, Rt. 2, Tuscumbia, Ala.

The healing of my mother of a serious stomach trouble; the healing of an eighteen-year-old girl who is unable to walk or to use her legs due to an operation of the spine.—Mrs. Florence Parks, Rt. 1, Marion, Va.

The healing of my body.—Docio Passmore, Speedwell, N. C.

The healing of Mrs. Mae Knight, 702 Bridge St., Guyandotte, W. Va., who is very ill with t.b. and asthma.—A sister in Christ.

Me to be healed of intestinal trouble and other ailments, a very urgent request.—A reader.

Me to be healed of t.b.—Martha

Belcher, Pinecrest Sanatorium, Beckley, W. Va.

Me to be healed of heart trouble.—A friend.

The healing of my body; the healing of my mother's body.—Mary Wanda Lemaster.

The Lord to heal me of a cold, which I have all the time, sugar diabetes, and a thumping in my head, which I have had four years; my little grandson to be healed of a fistula and an upset stomach; one of my sons to be delivered of the drink habit; my mother, eighty years of age, to be healed and saved.—Georgia Herring, Rt. 1, Box 38, Altha, Fla.

Me to be healed of heart trouble, bad nerves, stomach trouble, and gas.—Mrs. M. E. Fry, Rt. 1, Findlay, Ohio.

God to heal my body and undertake for me.—Mrs. Annie Loyd, Warrenton, N. C.

God to heal me, I am suffering severely with my back and nerves.—Brother M. A. Tate, East Beckley, W. Va.

Mrs. Chas. Sill, Bedford, Pa.; her husband; this case is critical and they need help.—Brother Smith, Manns Choice, Pa.

The healing of Mrs. Nannie Ingram of a growth on her shoulder, the doctor said it was an ulcer and might turn to a cancer.—Mrs. W. H. Huddleston, City No. 3, Maryville, Tenn.

Mrs. Kathrine Swannes to be healed of a serious disease; Sister Fannie Hasting to be healed of a bad foot; Mrs. Nancy Sibley to be healed; Geneva Justice, who has a badly burned foot, to be healed.—George W. Dalton, Rt. 2, Scottsboro, Ala.

God to heal my granddaughter, the doctors say they can do nothing more for her; me to be healed of nasal catarrh.—Ollie May Johann, West Point, Miss.

The Lord to heal me; I have been sick several months, but I want the baptism of the Holy Ghost most of all.—A subscriber.

The Lord to heal my throat and heal me of nervous spells.—A friend.

The saving and healing of my husband whose chest was crushed in an accident; this has affected his lung.—Mrs. Mattie Wilson, 1110 Tusc Ave., New Philadelphia, Ohio.

God to completely heal my little girl's tonsils, also that I will be healed
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THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

Communion

By . . .
Rev. E. E. Simmons

This word signifies fellowship, concord, or agreement.

2 Cor. 6:14, "What communion hath light with darkness?" Such as are enlightened by the Word and Spirit of God can have no profitable agreement or comfortable converse with such as are in darkness or ignorance.

Communion is likewise taken for sacrament as a sacred sign of our spiritual fellowship with Christ. 1 Cor. 10:16, 17, "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread and one body."

1 Cor. 11:18-22, "For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it. For there must be also heresies among you, that

they which are approved may be manifest among you. When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper. For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry and another is drunken. What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not." Then he tells what he received of the Lord. Here Paul reproved the Church for having division among themselves, accused them of despising the Church of God, and says in this they were not to take the Lord's supper. They were trying to take the Lord's supper in confusion and division.

In 1 Corinthians 5, "It is reported commonly that there is fornication

among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, to deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our pass-over is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and

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NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

The new eight-page folders for youth and junior classes, along with the four-page folder, "Sunny Paths," for the children, were very enthusiastically received, if we are to judge from our expectations in response. We had to reprint these quarterly folders. We received considerable favorable comment and expressions of appreciation of these new lesson features. We, nevertheless, also received some complaints relative to the price. Generally, however, the introduction was very encouraging. The "Youth Challenge" sales were about 16 per cent less than the old style Intermediate Quarterly sales. The "Junior Challenge" sales were about 11 per cent less than the old style Junior Quarterly sales. "Sunny Paths," however, had an increase in sales of 33 per cent. The first quarter of the year is usually less than the previous quarter.

THE PRICE is always based on what is offered in a product. Taking the price of 7c on these quarterlies for the year 1942, for each dollar spent in production that year we are now spending \$1.52, as the increase of wages has been on an average of 52 per cent. Paper has increased 15 per cent or more. Taking 25,000 of the Intermediate Quarterlies as the basic cost, there was 1,775 pounds of paper used, as against 6,663 pounds in the eight-page folders, which represented an increase in amount of paper used to the extent of three and three-fourths times more.

There was also three and three-fourths times more Linotype work, and the same amount of increase in composite and press work. There was thirteen times more folder work, as one impression of the folder on the old style quarterly folded for the whole quarter; the new way takes thirteen times as much folding, or one fold for each Sunday. This is also true in the counting for mailing. A class of twenty-five would have ordered twenty-five quarterlies. Instead, for a class of twenty-five there are 325 pieces of the new literature to count. There is much more

paper used for wrapping, much more twine for tying, much more wrapping tape used also, and more than three times as much postage.

The photographs used are expensive, and the cuts are of considerable cost. The ink costs more and there would normally be sixty-five changes of ink for the quarter, on all the three folders. We paid an amount of \$4.00 for each press washed and reinked in Chicago on a job we had done there. At this rate, \$260.00 should be added to cover cost of washing and reinking presses. We have to add from four to six employees during literature shipping periods, to handle the extra work.

All this, to say nothing of the cost of several editors and writers in preparing the manuscripts. We did not, however, add three and three-fourths times the cost of the old quarterly as a price for the new literature. We charged only a fraction above three times the former price. The cost should have been about 25½c per quarter. We charged 23c per quarter. On the four-page folder, the price should have been 18c, as compared with the old sixteen-page quarterly. We charged 14c for the new four-page folder. A conservative price indeed!

WHAT YOU GET: The Sunday School Literature Board, in adopting the use of this kind of literature, gave you a tremendous advance in the class of materials offered and an exposition of the lesson with ample treatment in illustrations, commentaries, and stories suitably adopted for the younger classes. You get a beautiful two-color folder glowing with beauty and freshness, clean and sanitary each Sunday. Give your Sunday School a chance. The youth of these classes are worth the extra cost of investment. Stand by us. We need your cooperation. We need your prayers! And, if these prices can be reduced later, rest assured that they will be; if they can't, you should appreciate the best in literature at a moderate price.—Managing Editor.

RELIGION... and the World

BY THE EDITOR

Religion in Hungary

A wireless report from Geneva states that ministers are free to preach whatever they desire so long as they do not preach against communism. In Budapest, 24,000 children are reported without shoes.

Making a Difference

According to RNS, intolerance is being shown toward the Protestants in Italy, even in the face of the fact that the Allies have championed religious freedom. The statute of the Catholic Church, it is charged, has been defined, but not so with the Protestants, "authorities appear hesitant," the report stated.

Methodist S. S. Increase

"The Sunday Schools of the Methodist Church had a 1945 enrollment of 4,886,414, and an average attendance of 2,438,319. These totals represent an increase of 96,685 in enrollment and 93,386 in average attendance over 1944. Of 250,000 persons who joined the Methodist Church last year on profession of faith, the Sunday Schools furnished 151,000, or three-fifths of the total."

A Right Answer

The story is told of a preacher who found no one at the prayer meeting and he at once began to toll the bell. A dozen folks came running in and one asked, "Who is dead?" "The church," replied the preacher, as he pulled on the rope. When prayer has stopped, pining, sighing, and, finally, spiritual death will be the result.

Youth

The Communists are trying to educate youth for the future of Communism. The Democrats and Republicans both alike are making their demands upon youth. The devil has in a very high bid for the youth of our land, to further his sinful plans. It should not be a thing held as strange that there are many youth rallies held over the country by various church groups. The political future of any party or country is tied up in our youth. So is the future of the Church

tied up within the domain of youth. Therefore, we need to give them better and more literature in Sunday School, in church, in reading rooms, hospitals, and, in fact, everywhere you find youth you find the future of any church or society. Save youth and you save all.

Unfit To Rule

Man has, through the ages, proven himself quite unfit to rule himself. New political ideas admit that man so far has no solution to his needs. Out of these political jumbles into which men have been led by men, have come all the wars of past generations. Pride of self, aggression, and covetousness lie at the base of all the world's ills. Not until there is regeneration of soul and submission unto God will man reach a peaceful rest and tranquil ideal. Christ is the appointed heir of all things, and until He comes we will have wars and strife. Heb. 1:2.

Wresting the Scriptures

It has probably ever been the policy of most ministers to endeavor to fit world events into a scriptural background. This oftentimes leads to speculation, uncertainties, and departure from the true meanings of both the text, pretext, and context of the scripture relating to such events. In an endeavor to find the antichrist, there has been a long list of over-worked persons, of whom Mussolini, Hitler, Stalin, and many others have composed but a part, yet antichrist has not actually come.

Atomic Bomb

To locate a place for the atomic bomb in the Scripture there is probably no less effort than about other strange and important things and events. Many fine writers now associate the atomic bomb with such scriptures as Joel 2:20, as to its explosive might, contending that the possible fulfillment of Rev. 6:12 lies in the atomic bomb. With the atomic bomb they also associate the "hail and fire mingled with blood" in Rev. 8:7, also

the "great mountain burning with fire" in Rev. 8:8, the "star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp" in Rev. 8:9. Included also are those strange occurrences mentioned in Rev. 16th chapter as being possible fulfillments of atomic power. These interpretations and scriptural deductions may in some sense be a part of God's plan of judgment, we cannot positively deny it, nor can we affirm that such is a final fulfillment of these scriptures. Ministers will do well to be careful and sane in reference to the atomic bomb lest we suffer the same embarrassment that others have suffered who dared to overwork the Word of God. Let the Scripture say what it wants to say; that will be enough.

Armor

When God said, "Put on the whole armour of God," He knew that the Christian was going to have a scrap with the devil before he ended his work here or ere he reached the pearly gates. So many Christians have not tarried before God in prayer in an effort to put on the armor of God, so that when Satan opposes them, about all they can do is to go down in defeat. Certainly the Christian was to be a victorious and joyful person, but there can be no victory where there is no fight, and there can be no joy that will not at times be tested; therefore, we are commanded "to put on," etc.

The Critic

People who criticize and point out the faults of others are like the dogs that licked the sores of Lazarus.

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A Peculiar People

By Rev. J. R. Freeman

Text: "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works," Titus 2:14.

We, as Christians, are a peculiar people. We occupy a very unique position among all the people of the earth. We do not belong exclusively to any nation, race, or government, but have been "called out" and "chosen" from among every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people. Not only are we peculiar because we hold a unique place in the world, but we are peculiar because we are God's people and as such are the only people with whom God is dealing today. Just as God's dealings under the dispensation of law (from Moses to Christ, John 1:17) was with the Jew based on a covenant of works wrought in the energy of the flesh, so God's dealings during this present dispensation of grace are with His peculiar people based on a new covenant of faith wrought in the energy of the Spirit.

We are said by Peter to be an "holy nation" (1 Peter 2:9). We, as an holy nation, know no earthly geographical boundries, no racial or class distinctions, for the Scripture saith, "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus," Gal. 3:27. We are not attempting to establish ourselves in the earth, nor build ourselves a name in the world; but, on the contrary, having been called out of the world by God's wonderful grace, we are no longer of the world and our position in the world is now that of pilgrims and strangers (John 17:6, 16; 1 Peter 2:11). Unlike the Jew, the Christian has been given no "land" in the world and here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come (Heb. 13:14). Like Abraham, we look for a city which hath foundations, whose Builder and Maker is God (Heb. 11:10). Oh, praise God, our citizenship is in heaven; we are a heavenly people; we are only here as ambassadors doing business for our King.

Oh, hallelujah! when I begin thinking about our high calling in Christ Jesus that makes us so peculiar above all the people of the earth, I feel like shouting. Let us note just briefly a few things which distinguish us as a peculiar people: we are peculiar because, though being in the world, we are not of the world (John 17:16). God's people are peculiar because, though living in the world among earthly people, related to Adam by the natural birth, they themselves are a heavenly people, related to the Lord from heaven by the spiritual birth (1 Cor. 15:47, 48). God's people are peculiar because, though they dwell here below with men in the flesh, they themselves are not in the flesh but in the Spirit (Rom. 8:8, 9). We are also peculiar in the sense that we are twice-born people, dwelling among people born but once (John 3:5). In view of these striking differences between God's people and people of the world, is it any wonder we are called a peculiar people?

Now note from the text, that the basis which God's people have for their peculiar relationship with Him is the blood and cross of Christ "Who gave himself for us." Through His blood He hath redeemed us from ALL iniquity and purified us unto Himself. The text goes on to say that we are "zealous of good works." Titus 3:8 tells us to maintain good works. Ephesians 2:10 tells us that God hath before ordained that we should walk in good works. Practically all of the New Testament is devoted to the good works which govern the lives of believers. Nothing is said of imposing these good works on the world, but Jesus said, "A new commandment I give unto YOU" (to His peculiar people).

There are at least two essential differences between the good works given to God's earthly people, the Jews, in the dispensation of law, which is past, and those given to God's heavenly people, the Christians, in the present dispensation. First, theirs was to be wrought in the flesh with the promise of blessing if they would do them; ours is wrought in the Spirit as a result of our having already received the blessing. Second, they were to do their good works in order that they might be accepted; we are to do our good works because He hath already made

us accepted in the beloved. Oh, praise the Lord, Paul says, "It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure" (Phil. 2:13). If we will let God work in us, then truly His yoke will be easy and His burden light.

In closing, I would like to remind you once again, "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a PECULIAR PEOPLE; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9). Notice, this scripture says we have been called out of darkness into His marvelous light. This is only another reason why God's people are a peculiar people. Christians are as different from unbelievers as light is different from darkness. Jesus described unbelievers as loving darkness rather than light (John 3:19). Paul, writing to Christians, says, "Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness." (1 Thess. 5:5.) Is there any reason then why these "born-again" people, these "heavenly" people, these "supernatural" people, these people of "light" are not a peculiar people when compared to all other people of the earth? Yet there is not one among all of the Lord's redeemed that cannot say, "I am a sinner saved by grace." Paul, describing the believer's life before accepting salvation, says, "In time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others" (Eph. 2:2, 3). But then he adds, "God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved!) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:4-6). All this God hath done for us, that in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. Oh, praise God, we who are rooted in heaven are bound to appear upside down to the world. Amen.

"Thou Art the Guide Of My Youth"

By C. W. Day

There has been quite a discussion on the subject "Our Youth." I have chosen this text to emphasize the need of the pastors to guide the youth. A pastor must be youth-minded. You can't get along without the young people, and the young people can't get along without you. Some preachers are afraid to use the young people in their services. This is a mistake. If you want the young people to come to your church, you must show some interest in them. Young people are full of energy and ambition, and they are not satisfied to just sit around and do nothing. Give them something to do. When you let young people sit around without anything to do, the first thing you know they'll be going to that church that gives them something to do. Pastor, you must lead them, you must be their guide. If you're not interested in them, there surely is something wrong with your vision of God and His Church. Remember that the young people of today constitute the church of tomorrow. During the young people's service, don't let a minute slip by without something going on. Have your program well prepared. The young people can get what the world has to offer, perfectly prepared. If you have less, they'll leave you in a hurry. Have everybody on the program ready to use at the very moment they are needed. The dance halls, theatres, and various other amusements are doing their best to make their music and shows so entertaining that any young man or woman will want to see and hear it. Make your services interesting. Don't just throw together any kind of program.

It is also your job to help your young people to choose the right friends. Many young people have gone down in defeat just because they kept the wrong kind of company. Let them know that they can't serve and still hang on to the world. Let that young man or young woman who thinks there isn't any enjoyment in serving God, know that there is real enjoyment in serving God. Help

your young people to choose a worthy ambition; teach them what it means to pray, to study God's Word, to have faith in God, to have courage, to be honest, to forgive their enemies, and, above all, to make God their Master.

It is a tragedy to let our young people wander away from God and the Church. We must do something about it, and we must do it now! It will take work, but that pastor that never works

his church never has a church that amounts to anything. There is more to pastoring a church than just preaching a sermon every once in a while. There is more to pastoring a church than just making a living.

God help us to get a vision—a vision of what the church of tomorrow is going to be unless we can get hold of the young men and young women and teach them to pray and live for God.

Pastor, lead the way; be the example to your young people. Remember, "THOU ART THE GUIDE OF MY YOUTH." It may not be easy, but if you'll stay close to God, He will lead you and help you to get the young people interested in God. Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for a task equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your tasks will be no miracle, but you will be the miracle. Every day you will wonder at yourself, at the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God.

Help Win the Peace

HERE'S HOW

Almighty as our heavenly Father is, He cannot win peace without your help. He would like to come to our aid but is powerless to do so until we put away sin. "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither is his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear," Isaiah 59:1-3.

Many are praying, but when God comes to answer those prayers, He sees and hears too much of what is going on down here. He sees the great crime wave, resulting largely from the movie. He hears jazz music and dancing. He sees the night club, the gambling den, and the open saloon. He hears the wail of heart-broken wives, and sees myriads of lovely girls led astray because of drink. He hears the piteous sobs of ruined women and the hellish sneer of their seducers.

God finds our resort cities given over to sinful pleasure and Sabbath-breaking. He sees caravans of female demons incarnate, stationed in trailers just outside our Army camps, doing their best to drag our sons to hell. Vice, booze, and tobacco combined have so weakened our soldiers that

they may be powerless before the enemies' hordes. Our cup of iniquity is so full that the scum is running over the top. America has gone on a drunk and God says, "I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offense, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early," Hosea 5:15.

Again God hears the voice of earnest prayer for peace. In love and compassion He starts this way, but as He approaches He hears "curses and blasphemies that turn the cheek of darkness pale."

Added to this hellish reception, the heavenly Father is met by coarse nudity, vulgar magazines, gamblers, and brazen-faced men and women who puff clouds of tobacco smoke insultingly into His face. This is stifling to One so pure, and He turns away, leaving us to fight our battles alone: and do you blame Him? Listen, He has sent you a message regarding your way:

"Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widows. Come now, let us rea-

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REPORT On First Five Months of this Assembly Year in U. S. A. and Canada

(DOES NOT INCLUDE OUR WORK IN FOREIGN FIELDS)
From August to December, Comparing 1945 and 1944

By General Overseer

With the war over, industry converting from war to civilian production, and labor strikes throughout the country, one would have thought our churches would suffer a great financial setback, but funds coming to Headquarters have a nice increase. The tithes, missions, orphanage and aged ministers funds so far have a nice margin over the same period of last year.

Our ministers have also reported a good increase in the number of sermons preached, pastoral visits, number saved, number sanctified, number baptized with the Holy Ghost, and number baptized in water. The local church clerks report a good gain in number of members received into the Church and a very encouraging net gain.

The big gain in those baptized in water is especially encouraging, since we have not heretofore been baptizing as many of our converts as we really should. While we are baptizing more, we are yet falling short. I hope that our ministers will realize the importance of baptizing every one that repents of his sins. The Philipian jailor was baptized the same night of his conversion, and he was not saved until after midnight.

Last year we made big gains over the same period of the year before. Sometimes we would wonder if these gains could be kept up. So we are very happy that this summary report shows that the Church of God is moving on with a momentum that the devil is not able to stop.

Since the General Assembly report, we have licensed 125 new ministers and set in order 57 new churches. There have been 6,416 new members added to the Church during these five months and our records show a net increase of 2,691 members.

Following is a statistical report for the months from August through December compared with the same period of last year.

	1945	1944	GAIN
Number sermons preached	102,198	94,106	8,092
Pastoral visits	267,899	211,549	56,350
Number saved	17,366	16,070	1,296

Number sanctified	8,517	7,447	1,070
Baptized with Holy Ghost	6,000	5,453	547
Baptized in water	3,625	2,507	1,118
Added to the Church	6,416	5,196	1,220

The pastors, evangelists, and laymen are working hard and God is rewarding their labors with success. More than seventeen thousand souls saved in five months is indeed a very great work. Many local churches are putting on great campaigns and turning their Sunday night meetings into evangelistic services.

CLEVELAND, TENN., ENJOYING A GREAT REVIVAL

The North Cleveland church is in their fourth week of a great outpouring, D. R. Moreland, evangelist; James L. Slay, pastor. There have been over

one hundred souls saved, and sixty have already united with the Church.

PRATT CITY, ALA., IN GOOD REVIVAL

Over long distance today, Pastor B. Burl Sumner reported a wonderful revival. Billy Sunday Myers, of Georgia, is the evangelist. They have already received twenty-four new members into the Church and the revival goes on.

We are hearing of many good revivals in many places. There are too many of them to report in this article, but we do thank and praise God for the way He is blessing in the Church of God.

Revivals

DEARBORN, Mich.—We, the Church of God at Dearborn, Mich., do thank God for the three weeks' revival conducted by Rev. A. H. Tribble. It was a great revival and one of the most outstanding revivals that has ever been conducted here. Twelve were converted, three sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and every department has been increased one hundred per cent. We pray that God will bless the evangelist wherever he goes.—Clarence Woolum, pastor, 12050 23rd St., Detroit 16, Mich.

VERDUNVILLE, W. Va.—We have just closed a very successful revival at the Mud Fork Church of God, Verdunville, W. Va., with Rev. S. C. Lowery, of Candler, N. C., as evangelist.

We praise the Lord for this good revival; it was one among the best we have had at Mud Fork in many years. The Spirit of God was with us from the very beginning. We didn't have a bad service during the whole three weeks. In fact, the revival spirit was on from the start, for which we thank and praise God.

We had good crowds every night. The Holy Ghost power began to convict souls the second night and they began to come to the altar and pray through. Thirteen were saved, six sanctified, four filled with the Holy

Ghost, and four added to the church—two men and their wives—and a week after the revival closed, three went down to the water's edge, the ice was broken, and the pastor baptized three in water.

We thank God for the response the church showed in financing the revival.

Brother Lowery is a good evangelist and a man of God.—James Baisdon, clerk.

MAUD, Okla.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival with Brother D. G. Bozeman, of Thorn, Miss. Six were saved, two sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and the church was greatly blessed by his wonderful soul-stirring messages. He didn't sugar-coat it but preached it straight and clean, just like the Bible tells us, and just what it is going to take to make heaven. That is the kind of preaching we need today.

We surely have a good pastor, Brother J. L. Jones, and his wife. They have been a great blessing to the church the short time they have been here.

Please pray for us, that we will keep going forward for God and His Church.—Joncie Phelps, clerk, Rt. 2, Konawa, Okla.

FOR THIS WE ARE THANKFUL

That God has restored our darling son to us completely recovered from the dreadful disease of poliomyelitis.

Life was going along smoothly for us last July and we were looking forward to attending our West Virginia state convention on the 11th, but like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky, on the night of the 9th, our son, Darryl Bryn, who is six, became very sick. The following day he seemed weak in his legs and was very lifeless. On Wednesday, the 11th, he was admitted to the Bluefield Sanitarium for a diagnosis. His case seemed to be a very rare one. He suffered with muscular soreness throughout his little body and was steadily growing worse.

After the doctors could not diagnose his case to their satisfaction to be polio, because it lacked some symptoms according to their previous experience with this disease, they were not willing to commit themselves and suggested that we take him to the University Hospital in Charlottesville, Virginia. Therefore, we left on Saturday, the 14th, for Charlottesville for the University Hospital. He was admitted there that afternoon. The doctors remarked that he was a very sick boy; in fact, they said that he could not be sicker and still live.

Before leaving Bluefield, we sent several wires of request for prayer to different ministers of our acquaintance, including our state overseer, Rev. J. L. Goins. We also wired Brother J. H. Walker, President of our Bible School and College at that time, also Brother Brinsfield, overseer of the State of Pennsylvania, who was at that time conducting a six weeks' Bible school in Somerset, Pa. I also knew that the good saints of the Church of God in Princeton were earnestly praying for him, and may God bless these and all others who did pray for him, for many have told us that they did earnestly pray for him. I appreciate your prayers more than I will ever be able to express. It would be hard for you to imagine

the sorrow of our hearts the first night we arrived in Charlottesville. I recall a statement my wife made as our grief grew greater that evening when we had begun to realize that it may be the last of our precious jewel. She said, "I will not eat until I see a change in him," and this we both carried out. Never before in my Christian experience have I petitioned God more earnestly than that night and on through the following few days. The next morning (Sunday) when we arrived at the hospital we learned that Darryl wasn't any better.

He was totally effected, his entire body was becoming more and more helpless. They had already begun to feed him through his veins before he left Bluefield, and this was no longer practical now. His swallowing organs had ceased to work so that he could not swallow even water. The doctor suggested that he be fed through his nose, which he acknowledged was very dangerous, since that he may choke in case vomiting should start, for his throat did not function at all.

At about three o'clock Sunday, the day after we came to Charlottesville, it looked like the end had come for sure. His respiratory system had almost stopped working. The doctors and nurses did all they could to keep him alive. I thought it was all over, and in my heart I submitted to God's will even though that was the hardest thing I have ever done. I shall never forget that sad hour as I bent over a carriage in the hall outside his room, the one he was brought to the room on the evening before, and there I told God I could never be able to go home again and see the place where he played so much and so happily, and at that very hour a fresh impulse of God's Spirit came upon me and all over me, and from that time on I felt in my heart a spot of assurance from God that Darryl would get well. When he, at other times after that, seemed to get worse or we



thought so, I could not forget my experience of assurance from God that he would recover, and even until now I look back to that hour.

During this crucial day of supreme trial we had sent another telegram to Brother Goins, who I knew at that time was moderating the state convention, and requested more prayer. It made me happy and more grateful to God and His faithful people when I heard of how earnestly the convention did pray for him. I also made contact again with the saints at the Princeton church and they also prayed earnestly for him. God has rewarded these prayers.

Another dreadful experience we encountered on this second day. Since the boy was so low and his respiration was so bad the doctors ordered that the iron lung, or respirator, be set in immediate order and that it be brought to his door. When they brought this dreadful looking thing, it looked like death to me. I couldn't stand to think that my son would have to use it, so then I remembered God's benefits and, with all there was

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B. T. S. Speaks . . .

Georgia Preacher Visits B.T.S.

There is nothing strange about the above headline for many Georgia preachers have visited the Bible Training School at Sevierville, Tennessee, and also many preachers from other states have made such visits. There is something outstanding about the visit made by Reverend A. M. Phillips, Monday morning, January 28, in our chapel service when he came from his church at Hemphill Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia, with a large offering for the special Endowment Fund sponsored by the Lighted Pathway.

Brother Phillips was introduced to the student body by the president and spoke for only a few minutes, but all eyes were fastened upon him as, in his polished, yet enthusiastic manner, he spoke of the contribution the Bible Training School was making to the Church and to the world. His short message was climaxed by a declamation of his faith in the school and the faith and confidence which his church and entire district was also manifesting. He further declared that it was our task and that we must find a way to help those who had the call upon them, to better prepare themselves for the work to which they are called. He expressed that there was something more necessary than talk and that now was the time for people to be stirred to activity.

All eyes were wide open and ears inclined when he took out of his wallet a check in the amount of \$1,500.60 raised by his church, with the help of the neighboring churches of Riverside, Grant Park, and others. The student body was carried away with enthusiasm over the interest which had been manifested in the school by these churches. This enthusiasm was manifested by wave after wave of cheering.

Scarcely had this demonstration died away when Brother Phillips took another check from his wallet, presenting it to the President, saying, "I understand that your Senior Class has as its project the expansion of your library. Here is a check for \$100 from the State of Georgia on this needed and worthy endeavor."

We have had many encouraging messages, but this message of appreciation and encouragement, backed up by the nice sum of \$1,600.60 will

not soon be forgotten. We pray God's richest blessings upon the church of Atlanta and all of those who had a part in this nice contribution. We also pray that this same spirit will catch from church to church until there is a foundation at B.T.S. that all worthy ministerial students can, through its loans, be able to finish their ministerial education.—E. L. Simmons, President.

The Mission Association

The Mission Society held its regular meeting Saturday night at seven-fifteen in the larger auditorium. A large number of the students gathered to share their mutual love and interest in Christian missions.

After the invocation by Brother Simmons, each heart burst forth in prayer and praise as they sang the old hymn, "I Am Thine, O Lord." Each of us felt that the relation to Him was entwining our hearts stronger and stronger as the mixed trio sang, "How Can I Be Lonely?" Then, all stood and sang, "Take the Name of Jesus With You"; after that the trio sang "Ready."

It was a pleasure to have with us as guest speakers, the Archers from Mexico. The service was given over to Brother Archer. After the showing of several souvenirs from Mexico, he and his family, two of which are in school here, Martha and Alice Pullin, and Joshue Rubio, a graduate of Bible School in Mexico and a student here, sang several choruses in Spanish.

Brother Archer spoke on the conditions that prevail in Mexico and other mission fields in which he has worked. Yet, in spite of persecution, the natives are accepting the truths of the gospel and are being converted. Each of us felt our need for a deeper consecration as the truths about Mexico and other fields of interest were made known.

Sister Archer spoke of several experiences in Haiti, Cuba, and Mexico; of the natives' intense hunger for the gospel and how happy they become when liberated from the horrors of custom, creed, and sin.

Time was then given for prayer and each one knelt in devotion at the altar, surrendering more fully to the commission of the Great Missionary.

After shouts subsided, sobs ceased, and the deluge of tears was wiped

away, the members sang more hymns of consecration. Some of the students who are called to Mexico told of their burning desire to hasten to that country and to work in the vineyard of the Master.

Sister Swiger, the club's sponsor, then prayed the benediction, leaving our hearts anxious for the next mission service.—Mauldin Ray, president.

My Observations at the Church of God Bible Training School and College

Paul H. Walker

After having enjoyed the fellowship and hearty cooperation of the members of the Mission Board in our session at Cleveland, it was my privilege to attend some of the clubs and the Sunday services at the Bible Training School.

I arrived at the school on Friday evening and found everyone in the best of spirits, and I would like to state here that Brother Simmons, the President of the school, is doing a fine job and has the cooperation and good will of the faculty and student body. This was readily observed by the recognition given him by the students. I inquired of a number of students and teachers as to the spirit and program of this term, and answers invariably would be, "This is one of the best, if not the best term we have ever had."

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

There have been those who were ready to offer criticism of the school because of the fact that there were clubs and societies formed within the school, and some have had the opinion that the Bible School was the "best place on earth to backslide." The proverb, "To correctly weigh the spirituality of others, you must first pray through yourself," would be most fitting. The only way to maintain and successfully operate an institution is for the backers of that institution to support and trust the leadership that they have selected, irrespective of the fact that some may make mistakes. This, however, is no sign that we have to throw up our hands in despair. I am of the profound opinion that with the hearty support and cooperation of all, our Bible School and College will be that of which we may be proud.

It is true that the school does have its societies, and who would object to

that? Only the parties who know nothing about the value of good societies. A society is a voluntary association of individuals for common ends. Hence, the school has its Ministerial Society, and its aim is to promote fellowship among ministerial students, that each minister may derive benefits which will be a blessing to him in his divine calling, and the exchanging of methods in the technique and Biblical psychology of soul-saving. I would think all would appreciate a society of this order.

Then there is the Missionary Society, and its aim is to create a greater interest in missionary work, to aid the students to become more familiar with the fields of labor in which we now have workers, to pray for each missionary on the fields daily, and to contact them by correspondence monthly. I know of no other society that could be a greater stimulus to the mission interest than this.

Yes, and the school has its clubs. When some people think of clubs, I guess all they think of is a night club, but you are living in the wrong atmosphere. A club is a weapon of wood or metal for delivering rough blows. This would hardly fit the clubs of which I speak, but they are associations of persons for the promotion of common objects, as good fellowship, and are jointly supported and meet periodically, to unite for a common end. Thus we have the Spanish Club, whose aim is to further the missionary spirit and to create an interest in the Latin American world in the hearts of those who are studying the language. This club also has two Spanish Sunday School classes. They sing hymns in Spanish in their club, testify in Spanish, read in Spanish, and pray in Spanish, and the Lord blesses their gatherings.

Then there is the Y.T.C. Club or the Youth's Temperance Conference, and its purpose is to unite the young people of the community, state, and nation, in a program of citizenship to build for total abstinence for the individual and sobriety for the nation. For this club to develop the character of young people to stand against the use of intoxicants in itself would certainly be worth-while.

The Literary Club is another club, whose aim is to create a greater interest in the fields of religion, music, art, and literature, and to help establish the student to appreciate

the finer things of life, also to provide social interests for the high school students. This helps to develop the character and to fill the mind and heart with good things, not with the browbeating method or one of intimidation, but one that will have some understanding as to how to appreciate music, art, and literature in the field of religion.

The Music Club purposes to aid the student to understand and appreciate the different types of music and to create in him a greater desire to educate that talent which may be dormant or almost so in many instances. I hope it will tend to educate our youth to appreciate such hymns as "The Old Rugged Cross," "There Is Power in the Blood," and "Glory to His Name," showing their value because of the heartfelt truth they possess.

It was my privilege to speak to the Chinese Club, and let me state that the presence of God was very near and dear to us in this club meeting. We wept together and rejoiced together, and I saw students who are not only anxious to go to the heathen land of China, but who are willing to die in that land. In speaking to them this evening, we told them we were not anxious to have missionaries going to China for a couple of years, but those whose consecration went so far as to be willing to leave their bones on Chinese soil to bleach in the scalding sun. I found out it was the purpose of this club to create a greater interest in the missionary work in China, especially for those who have studied the language. We appreciated hearing the hymns sung in Chinese.

Then there is the Home Economics Club, and its aim is to learn and practice etiquette and Christian ethics, and to cook and serve dinners. This is good, clean, constructive work, and the parents whose children compose this body at the Church of God Bible Training School and College can well be thankful that the Church of God has such an institution.

The response to the Sunday morning service was more than satisfactory. After enjoying a good Sunday School, the student body entered into the morning devotion with all their hearts and listened attentively to the preaching of God's Word. On Sunday night we had a great evangelistic service, as the writer spoke on the subject of "Hell." Incidentally, we still believe in a burning, flaming,

yawning, gapping, devil's hell, "where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched." If the ministry loses sight of this, it will be hard to preach to men to flee from the wrath to come. I found the students more than responsive to this old-fashioned doctrine, and the altar was filled from end to end. One desperately wicked young man was gloriously saved, among others, and two received the baptism with the Holy Ghost. This doesn't sound like backsliding to me.

I was privileged to eat most of my meals in the dining room of the school and I found them to be wholesome, tasty, of good variety, and enough served for the average student.

As for me, I am taking great pride in the management, leadership, faculty, and student body of our school.

REVIVAL

HAZLEHURST, Ga.—We are still enjoying the blessings received in our three weeks' revival conducted in November, by Sister Ann Brown, of Atlanta, assisted in the music, by Sister Mary Brooks, of Decatur, Ga.

During this revival, fourteen were saved, ten sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, five added to the church, and the church as a whole was blessed and strengthened.

The last night of 1945, we held watch night service, with a good attendance. Thirty-five remained until 12:30, and then we were all reluctant to leave. We had a feast of beautiful singing, testimonies, shouting, and praying. One of the touching and beautiful features of this service, which was suggested by the pastor, Rev. Tommie Harper, was the mingling together by practically the entire congregation, shaking hands and embracing each other, thereby signifying their vow to love each other more, share each other's sorrows and joys, and do more for each other and for God than ever before. It was a beautiful and touching scene—"they were all with one accord" and seemed so happy!

As the old year was going out, and the new year coming in, we were kneeling at the altar, praising God for His great and many blessings during 1945, and pledging ourselves, with His help and guidance, to live closer to Him, do more for Him, and to love Him and each other more than ever before.—Hope Jordan, chairman, reporting committee.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

TESTIMONIES

Wonderfully Healed of T. B.

SPARTA, Tenn.—Dear Evangel Readers, I praise the Lord for His goodness to me and for His good healing power, for He is the one who is due the praise. God wonderfully healed me of T. B. last June.

I am sure some of you Evangel readers remember my wife's request for me last February in the paper. At that time I was in the State T. B. Hospital at Nashville. In March, 1944, I was examined for military service but was rejected on chest condition. In January, 1945, I received a notice from the local board asking me to go to the health department at Cookeville, Tenn., for an X-ray. My lungs showed both were affected, the right one being worse than the left, so they requested that I go to the state hospital. I went in February and stayed two months. They gave me an operation while there. The operation collapsed my right lung. I was sent home April 3. They told me I would have to stay in bed at least twelve months.

After staying in bed two months at home, I went back to the health department for another X-ray. When the information came back to my doctor here at Sparta, my wife went in to see about it. He told her my lungs had not healed any. The doctor said my chances were slim and I would have to take good care of myself if I pulled through. I could tell I was getting worse all the time. I would read my Bible and pray.

One afternoon I was feeling very bad, was smothering. A good Christian sister came in, Sister Annie Briggs. The Lord surely sent her that afternoon. Thank God. She saw I was worse and she began to pray secretly for me. My wife came and sat down on my bedside and said, "What do you want me to do for you? Do you want to go back to the hospital or have a doctor, or do you want Sister Annie to pray for you?" I said to her, "The Lord is all who will do me any good." We had been talking about divine healing. Sister Annie said God spoke to her and said, "I will give you power if you will lay your hands on him. I will heal him." About the time God spoke to her I began to feel His presence. I said,

"Pray for me." Well, there wasn't much praying done. She laid her hand on my lung which wasn't working. Praise God, the work was done; my lung went to work, and I have been breathing through it ever since. The doctor said it wouldn't work for six months, but the power of God is greater than man. Thank God!

But the devil surely tried in every way to make me doubt. I really have had the devil to fight, but I know the work was done. I thank God for it all. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. People say the days of miracles are past, but I know He will heal the ones who will trust Him. I often wonder why children of God who trust Him with their souls, which is worth more than the world, cannot trust Him for their bodies. God has all power over the world, and if we put our trust in Him He will heal our bodies, if it is His will; if not, He will take us home to glory, so that is best of all. I mean to trust Him to the end. I do not feel like it will be long until Jesus comes, and I want to be found doing His will.

I am going where I please now. People say I look healthier than I ever looked. But remember, it wasn't the doctors who did it; it was God. I hope and pray this testimony will be a blessing to all who read it who are sick and suffering. What God has done for me He will do for you also, if you will get willing to give up everything to Jesus and trust Him.

Pray for me and my family, that we will do God's will. If anyone wishes to write me, you may do so.—Simon Judd, Rt. 1.

I Thank God

WILMINGTON, N. C.—I thank God for what He has done for me. I have been in bad health for a long time; my nerves are so bad, as the result of an operation. I got down with my back. I put the Church of God Evangel on it and it has not hurt me since.

Again, last night I got so sick with my head I could not lie still. I put the Evangel on my head and asked God to heal me. I went to sleep and, thank God, I am better this morning. I ask the saints to pray that I

will be saved and live for God.—Mrs. J. E. Harrelson, Rt. 2, Box 172.

True Gospel Is Needed

POPLAR BLUFF, Mo.—Dear Church of God saints, I received the anointed cloth and I felt the power touch me as I opened the letter. I praise God for His healing power. I am so hungry to go to a good Church of God meeting once more. I haven't been since July, 1945. I joined the church in June, and I am really praying that God will help me. I am ready to go out in the work of the Lord. Keep praying for me and my unsaved family.

I feel that there is a greater need today for the true gospel to be preached; it needs to be in the school, jail, hospital, and everywhere. Pray that God will give me someone to help me. My prayers are for the unsaved and the Church.—Mrs. Tessie Bailey, Gen. Del.

Improving

TUCSON, Ariz.—Dear Readers, I thank all of the saints for their prayers, encouraging letters, and tracts received since I requested prayer for the healing of my lungs of t.b.

I know God has touched my body, as I am improving, if it is slowly. Praise God! I pray God will bless all of you.—Ernest E. Moore, Sr., c/o Pima County Hospital.

Brother Jack Williams, teacher of the Church of God Sunday School at Lancaster Hill, Tenn., church, was wonderfully healed of high blood pressure, heart trouble, and asthma. We didn't think he could live, but the good saints and pastor of the church were eyewitnesses to the healing.

Four weeks from that day we had another healing service, and Sister Beulah Lancaster was healed, one sister received the Holy Ghost, and others were seeking. We had a blessed time in the Lord in both services. We have a real true group of God's sheep at Lancaster Hill.

Please pray for us.—Mrs. W. B. Winfree, pastor, Gordonsville, Tenn.

I Love This Way

MASON, Tenn.—I praise God for His wonderful healing power. My health had been failing for about three months. One morning in October, it seemed to me that death was near, but I called on the Lord until I got the

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REPORTS *From the Field*

Encouraging Sunday School Work

CINCINNATI, Ohio.—We praise God for our wonderful Sunday School, for our Bible readers, and our prize winner, Joseph Nessler. We are trying to encourage our people in reading the Word of God. We also thank God for our faithful superintendent, Luther Burris, and our wonderful pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister D. G. Phillips, who seem to never tire of comforting and visiting the members.

We are proud of our Home Department, which is really going over the top for Jesus.—President, Home Dept. Work, Cordelia Ball, 1250 Elm St.

Youth Rally Enjoyed

MIAMI, Fla.—The Church of God young people's rally convened at Coconut Grove church December 10, 1945, with a large attendance. Many enjoyed blessings of the Lord, participating in singing and testifying, climaxed with a number of selections given by quartets. Upon dismissal, every one was free to enjoy refreshments given by the Coconut Grove church.

We believe the young people's rally will reach out, and prove many blessings. The most fundamental need in the lives of young people today is a revival, one that would sweep through homes and stir the hearts of men and women to a reassertion of their belief in God, and their dedication to His will. I doubt if there is a problem that would not melt away before the fire of such spiritual awakening.

We are also glad to report a wonderful spirit prevailing in the church, with increasing attendance in church and Sunday School, and several in membership.

We are expecting a wonderful year, and we appreciate our pastor, Brother Taylor, and his good wife.—Ethel J. Lowry, 3155 S. W. Terr.

Mission-Minded Church

LEADWOOD, Mo.—At our state convention last year, it was seriously doubted by many that we could, or would, repeat our mission offering of \$1,800. Therefore, I am glad to report that the pledges for this year's offering have already exceeded that figure—our mission drive began Sunday, December 30, and we have \$1,950

in cash and pledges. If the example of previous years is followed, it will be quite a bit more at convention time.

A mission offering has never been "pulled" since we have been in Leadwood—we have only prayed, fasted and hoped. One must be at a mission service here to appreciate its beauty. The people here are godly and sincere, and, in their pastor's eyes, the most precious in the world.

We are in a revival at the present time, and trust that by the time you read this it can be said that we had a revival indeed. The pastor is preaching the first week, Brother T. L. Forester, district overseer, is preaching the second week, and Brother George L. Britt the third. Good roads lead to Missouri, and we all hope that some good evangelists will soon use them.—Charles W. Conn, pastor.

Charleston, South Carolina, District Convention

The Charleston district convention convened at the Church of God on King Street, in Charleston, January 19, 20.

The convention was opened Saturday night by our efficient district overseer, Rev. L. W. McIntire. As he directed the first choral number, the great presence of the Lord was manifested in our midst. With the presence of the Lord and Brother McIntire's broad smile and words of welcome, we all felt at home. The convention was then turned over to our much loved and appreciated state overseer, Rev. Zeno C. Tharp.

We were greatly blessed during the convention by several wonderful messages delivered by the following ministers, our state overseer, Rev. Zeno C. Tharp, Rev. Carl Cox, Rev. H. G. Gray, and Rev. J. S. Long. Sister H. G. Gray spoke in behalf of our young people. Sister Zeno C. Tharp, our L.W.W.B. president, spoke in behalf of the L.W.W.B.'s. An interesting report was given by each church on the district, and each pastor stated his great dependence on the L.W.W.B. of his church.

Each pastor on the district was present for the first service of the convention, and each gave a good report, their mission and orphanage offerings exceeding last year.

The total mission offering from the churches on the district was \$329.09, with a congregational offering of \$203.76, making a total of \$532.85. Total offering last year was \$407.85, giving us a gain of \$125.00 this year. The orphanage offering from churches on the district was \$96.80, plus the congregational offering of \$58.32, giving us a total of \$155.12. The offering last year was over \$134.00, so we had a gain of \$21.12 in the orphanage offering.

The convention closed with an address by our state overseer, which greatly stirred our hearts, and the good-bys were said with much love and sincerity.—Mrs. H. G. Gray, convention reporter.

New Church Needs Prayer

UNION GROVE, S. C.—Dear Saints of God, please pray for me to be a humble child of the King. My heart's desire is to do something for the upbuilding of His kingdom. I long to see the young mothers and fathers of America saved and see them rear their children right. I have four children, and I hope to see them all on fire for God some day. I truly thank God for saving me one day and filling me with the sweet Holy Ghost. What a wonderful Comforter He is.

Please help us pray for our church which we have started to build—a Church of God—and not many seem to be much interested, but we have a few who love God and want to see the church go up. It is close to me and I really do hope and pray for it to go up so I will have a place to carry my children, where they can be taught the love and fear of the Lord.

Pray for my unsaved husband, and I have many other requests for prayer. Pray for our pastor and his sweet wife.—Mrs. Annie Lee Reid, Rt. 1, Box 49.

Ever-Glo Mottoes

We can furnish the following wall mottoes in sizes 4½x9 inches. These will glow long into the night and make a very pleasing sight in the bedroom after the light has been turned off. "Jesus Always Cares," "Why Worry When You Can Pray," "Jesus Never Fails," "Prayer Changes Things," "Keep Looking Up," "God Answers Prayer." Price 25c each, \$2.50 per dozen, \$17.50 per hundred.

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NEWS OF OUR WORK IN THE WESTERN CANADIAN FIELD

In view of the fact that many of the Evangel readers are not aware of the great work being done by the Church of God in Western Canada, I am hopefully submitting the following informative article. In the event you may have forgotten, the Church of God has been progressing steadily for the past thirteen years in the prairie provinces of Canada. Great opportunities are ahead of us in this needy field, and the pressing question at the moment is where to find consecrated, experienced men to step in and seize these opportunities. We now have ten organized churches, and a number of mission works that may grow into churches in the future. Our Bible School, that has been in progress for ten years (this term being the tenth), has given us a number of workers, but we need many more. The field is not an easy one, as much pioneer work should be done in country towns where the full gospel has not been preached as yet. We don't have any churches here that pay in the high brackets, and men who feel the call of God to Canada can get ready to work with their hands to build churches and, perhaps, help support themselves before works are established of suitable size to support a pastor. We greatly appreciate the financial assistance received from the evangelistic fund at headquarters, as it has been directly responsible for the establishing of two churches here, and also of a far-reaching radio broadcast.

Our broadcast from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, has been a great asset to the work in this district. People in Canada respond very well to the gospel by radio. We have received more calls than we can ever fill. These calls are for revivals and they come in from our radio audience. We have had thousands of letters from listeners all over Western Canada, as our broadcast covers an area of approximately 175,000 square miles. We have received letters from people in over 640 towns in the province of Saskatchewan alone. Many of these places, in fact over 65 per cent of them, have never had a full gospel meeting held in them. The Church of God, as well as other full gospel works, really has a challenge in this country.

In spite of the fact that we are in desperate need of workers in this country, we also realize that there

are many British possessions that are calling for missionaries. It is much easier for British subjects to get into these mission fields than it is for those who are not British subjects, so we are doing our best to impress our Bible School students with the mission need, in the hope that they will hear the call. We have organized a missionary prayer band at our Bible School and they are corresponding with a number of missionaries, with the object of gaining firsthand information on mission fields, and presenting it to the student body. Great interest is being stirred up by this.

The Church of God Bible School in Moose Jaw has been growing by leaps and bounds. During the present term we have all available space taken and some students are rooming out. Several of our students feel the call into the work, and some of these are among the class that will graduate this year. We expect that we will have to build a substantial addition to the school after the present term is ended, in order to accommodate the increased number of students that we expect next term. Our school is favorably situated in one of the cleanest, newest cities in Western Canada. The rail connections are the very best, and we have a fine radio outlet for student talent.

Though there are bright spots in the work here in Canada, please remember that we are very few in comparison to the task. Our greatest effort with the few men we have, can do no more than scratch the surface of the work that is to be done. When you think about us, please pray, and remember that our field of labor is much larger than all of the United States lying west of the Mississippi River. If some fellow minister, through reading this article, should feel the call of God to Canada, let him know that people here do accept the gospel more readily than in some other places, yet they are not the kind that are quickly persuaded. The preacher must be a good personal worker, and be willing and able to sacrifice until he proves by his life that he is indeed the servant of God in all sincerity. It is not thickly populated and an automobile is a necessity in most places. We have branched out into two other provinces beside Saskatchewan. We have

an established church with good church and parsonage at Rolling Hills, in Alberta. Another church was organized this fall in Manitoba. They have a parsonage and plans are under way for the erection of a new church. Brother Pospisil, our overseer, is looking forward to still greater progress in the months that are just ahead.—M. G. McLuhan, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Good Work at Broad Creek

NEWPORT, N. C.—We are glad to report a good work at Broad Creek. The Lord is blessing and His power is falling in a wonderful way. We praise the Lord for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Clarence Elrod. They are a real power for the Lord. We are glad for a preacher who preaches with old-time, gospel power.

On January 8 we held our fellowship meeting. Our district pastor, Brother V. D. Combs, was with us, and all the ministers of this district except two. Brother Combs was in charge of the service. We enjoyed the talks of the speakers. Brother Combs raised \$50 for missions in just a few minutes. The Lord blessed wonderfully throughout the service.

We also praise the Lord for the way He is blessing us here at Bogue in our cottage prayer meetings. There are twelve of us here who have our membership at Broad Creek but we do not get to attend all of the services during the week, so we have cottage prayer meeting every Tuesday night. The Lord blesses us so wonderfully that we could not do without our prayer meetings.

We earnestly desire the prayers of God's people everywhere, and for our church also, that we will be a great power for the Lord.

I would like to, before closing this, speak a good word for our former pastor, Brother C. C. Holmes. He was a great help to the church and a blessing to everyone with whom he came in contact.—Mrs. Beatrice Taylor, Rt. 1.

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son together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land; but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it," Isaiah 1:16-20.

TESTIMONIES

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victory. I shouted and thanked the Lord so that it touched my husband and he began to shed tears. When the doctor arrived I was better and was sitting up in bed. I had been up, though weak. I lay down to rest and I told the doctor if it had not been for the Lord I couldn't have made it. He said my blood pressure was too high.

After this I had some kind of fainting spells. I was lying in bed while reading the dear Evangel. I was reading Sister B. M. Ballard's testimony of how the Lord spoke to her to rebuke the devil. That was what the Spirit said to me. I began to do as the Spirit said, and truly the Lord has healed. I do love this holy way. It seems my Evangel does not come to me fast enough. Reading it, I get so much joy and strength, as I do not get to be in a good holiness meeting often. I am a member of the Church of God at New Albany, Miss.—Jettie Wiggins (colored), Rt. 1.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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of a growth on my body.—Nettie Lassiter, Rt. 1, Box 217-B, Greenville, N. C.

The healing of my body.—Clara Nell Haney, Anderson, S. C.

A lady who has cancers.—Mrs. H. N. Davis, Rt. 1, Ellabell, Ga.

In Need of Prayer

Just a note of praise to my loving Savior. I am a poor shut-in; I am a patient here at the sanitarium and cannot be at church like you people, but I have victory in my soul. Praise God! Although my poor body is badly afflicted, yet Jesus is my all in all. Bless His name!

Saints, pray for my recovery. If anyone has words of comfort for me, I would be glad to hear from you.—G. W. Kelley, Sanitarium, Ward K, Milledgeville, Ga.

COMMUNION

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wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat." Then he says, "Put away from you that wicked person."

Here in this chapter Paul says he found a backslidden church that was glorying and had a bad case of fornication in it. He told them their glorying was not good. They were rejoicing and had not rather mourned that he that had done this deed might be taken away from them. He told them what to do, and said a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. He said not to take the feast with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

He also said Christ, our passover, was sacrificed for us. Now we will look at the sacrifice he made for us. Jesus suffered without the gate to sanctify the people. Heb. 13:12. Then the writer of Hebrews says, "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren," Heb. 2:11. Paul in 1 Cor. 11:26, "For as oft as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." Then some, instead of standing for what the blood does, will ask people up to take communion who do not believe in the baptism, and will turn out members for receiving the Holy Ghost. I want to ask, Is this honoring the sacrifice He made or are they eating and drinking unworthily? I see the sacrifice He made, and realize He had power on earth to forgive sins, and went to the cross and shed His blood to cleanse from all unrighteousness. Our healing is in this atonement. 1 Cor. 11:29, 30, "He that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep." Then in verses 26-28 of this same chapter, we have these words, "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup."

In the 5th chapter we have the command to the Church which is the Church's preparation for communion, and in this 11th chapter and 28th verse is a self-examination. I feel that this subject has been looked on too lightly and many have taken it in ignorance, not realizing what they were doing. I have been in communion services where very little scripture was read and very little explanation given, I am satisfied that very few understood what it was all about, yet the preachers called for a confused and divided crowd to partake of this service. I feel that this made Jesus bow His head in shame, because Paul said, "Both he that sanctifieth and they that are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren." 1 Cor 5:8, "Therefore let us keep the feast not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." Oh, the lightness in which some things are carried on. Lord, help us to be sincere.

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FOR THIS WE ARE THANKFUL

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in me, I gripped God in faith and a claim on His promises, and asked Him not to let my boy have to use this instrument. Two weeks after this, they moved this machine away, then praises rolled up to God, and a shout was in my soul.

His case was diagnosed in Charlottesville to be the Gullian-Barre type of poliomyelitis, which is the worst type there is of this disease. The superintendent of one hospital said that seldom ever do the victims of this type of the disease live outside the iron lung. When I heard this I was surer that God had intervened for Darryl.

After it seemed that Darryl had passed the crisis and had started for the better, the doctor said, "Well, Rev. Hatfield, don't expect a quick recovery, for this disease works very slowly," but when Darryl began to make such rapid strides in his improvement they marvelled, and one of

the doctors said, "We will have to give credit to prayer in this case." I think it is a sensible thing, and a sign of intelligence for anyone to recognize God's ability to heal. I think more people realize that God does heal than some suppose. While some few think it is fanaticism, and they feel themselves so independent of what they suppose to be such, that they wouldn't ask for prayer lest they be branded; but such persons are proud and act as though they are of some creator other than God, and maybe they are.

After seventeen days in the University Hospital, we brought the boy to the Huntington Orthopedic Hospital. We, of course, sought for some consolation from them as to when they thought we would be able to take him home, and they were very reluctant to even think he would be able to go home for maybe a year. But the 15th of October, he was released from the hospital, with a complete recovery from this disease, so far as is visible in him now. This I term to be a miracle from God. For this we are thankful and want to ever live worthy of the mercy He has shown us.

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